THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The U.S. and some European countries raised the issue of the consideration of the link between international trade and internationally recoganized labour standards (the so-called social clause) in the last phase of discussions at Geneva prior to the Ministerial meeting at Marrakesh. The US request was that the Ministers at Marrakesh should endorse the inclusion of the consideration of the link between trade and labour standards in the agenda of the WTO. India, alongwith a number of other countries opposed this proposal, and the Marrakesh declaration contains no reference to it. However, it will be possible for interested delegations to raise issues of concern to them in the Preparatory Committee of the WTO. All decisions in the WTO are to be by consensus.

Trilateral Trading Bloc

4323. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal in the offing for constituting a trilateral trading bloc with India, Iran and CIS as its members ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the present status of the annual trade between India and these countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) A statement providing the figures for India's trade with CIS countries and with Iran for the period April—December, 1993 is enclosed.

Statement

India's trade with CIS and Iran—April-December' 93

(Value in Rs. lakh)

Country	Export	Import
Armenia	1.16	18.96
Azerbaijan	12.10	0.57
Belarus	165.58	29.28
Georgia	5.01	0.05
Kazakhstan	319.67	334.03
Kyrghystan	27.74	2387.96
Moldova	45.82	—
Russia	134467.58	56204.26
Tajkistan	207.92	234.24
Turkemenistan	472.94	415.90
Ukraine	29018.74	21728.54
Uzbekistan	410.79	327.15
CIS countries TOTAL :	165155.05	81680.94
Iran	35300.89	82542.45

SOURCE : DGCI & S

कोयले का निर्यात

4324. श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्ष-वार कितनी मात्रा में कोयले का निर्यात किया गया;

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई;

(ग) क्या और अधिक विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित करने हेतु कोयले के निर्यात को बढ़ाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान निर्यात किए गए कोयले की कुल मात्रा तथा मूल्य निम्नानुसार है :—

(मात्रा : लाख टनों में
मूल्य : करोड़ रु० में)

वर्ष	मात्रा	मूल्य
1991-92	1.35	15.04
1992-93	4.96	51.00
1993-94 (अप्रैल-दिसम्बर)	2.74	33.35

स्रोत : डी०जी०सी०आई०एस०

(ग) और (घ) कोयले के निर्यात पर से सभी प्रतिबंधों को 1-4-1993 से हटा लिया गया है ।